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> Greetings,  
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> As a programmer who specializes in educational projects I can tell  
> you from personal experience that the way Microsoft conducts business  
> has held back the usefulness of computers to education at all levels.  
> Schools just can't cope with the additional expenses generated by  
> Microsoft's attempts to own the world. The losers here are our kids  
> and therefore our society. Allowing Microsoft to buy their way out by  
> giving schools hardware and software will only increase the problem  
> by further limiting competition. Instead, and at least, make them  
> give the thing the value most COLD HARD CASH and let the schools  
> decide how to spend it without restrictions of any kind.  
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> Some excuse Microsoft by saying that they are just good technology  
> manipulators.  
> So were the robber barons of almost a century ago. Through new  
> technology they then and Microsoft now manipulated, circumvented,  
> squashed and laid waste the honest well intentioned efforts of many  
> people all in the name of filling their own wallets. If what the  
> robber barons did was criminal then what Microsoft is doing is  
> criminal.  
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> Having lived and worked in the silicon valley I know that there are  
> thousands of Gates want to be's. How this settlement goes down sends  
> a message to the entire industry about what behaviors will or will  
> not be tolerated.  
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> Please make it a RESOUNDING message!  
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